

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 10, 2006**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Transportation Enhancement Grant- James River Heritage Trail (JRHT) Extension**

RECOMMENDATION: After a public hearing, adopt a resolution in support of a Transportation Enhancement Grant (SAFETEA-LU, formerly TEA-21) application to fund the extension of the James River Heritage Trail from the Ed Page entrance to Linkhorne Middle School.

SUMMARY: Parks and Recreation intends to submit an application for a Transportation Enhancement Grant (SAFETEA-LU) to assist with funding of an extension of the James River Heritage Trail from the Ed Page entrance to Linkhorne Middle School. This project includes restoration of the train trestle crossing Langhorne Road and Ivy Creek, converting the trestle to a pedestrian bridge, construction of an asphalt trail from the Ed Page entrance to the trestle and from the opposite end of the trestle to Linkhorne Middle School and installation of signs, benches and trash cans. This project is important to improve trail access and to provide additional parking for this very popular section of the trail. This project has the support of Lynchburg City Schools and the Awareness Garden Foundation.

Parks and Recreation has completed a structural assessment of the trestle, a conceptual design for the conversion of the trestle to a pedestrian bridge, a conceptual design of the trail and prepared cost estimates for all components of the project.

The estimated budget for the project is \$725,000. The grant requires a minimum of a 20% match of \$145,000. The match is met by Capital Improvement appropriated funds in FY 2006, New Trail Development and requested funds for FY 2008, New Trail Development (FY 2006 – 2010 CIP, page 86).

PRIOR ACTION(S): September 5, 2006 Finance Committee

FISCAL IMPACT:

Appropriated FY 2006 Capital Improvement Plan, New Trail Development, \$90,000  
Capital Improvement Plan Request for FY 2008, New Trail Development, \$90,750

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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program an enhancement project in the City of Lynchburg,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project for the extension of the James River Heritage Trail from the Ed Page entrance to Linkhorne Middle School,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lynchburg hereby agrees to pay a minimum 20% of the total cost for the planning and design, right of way, and construction of this project, and that, if the City of Lynchburg subsequently elects to cancel this project the City Lynchburg hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the necessary documents for this project.

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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